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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the following communiqué from the Government of the Republic of Angola, dated 12 April 1995, and request that this document be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Communiqué from the Government of the Republic of Angola

1. The Government of the Republic of Angola continues to watch with much care and appreciation the deliberations of the Security Council in its oversight and involvement with the ending of our tragic civil war. As the Council is once again considering its actions related to Angola, we want to take this opportunity to add information to that which is already before you.

Most importantly, and with due respect for the very important efforts being undertaken by the Secretary-General and his Special Representative, the Government wishes to register its concern relative to the Secretary-General's report of 7 April 1995, concerning the situation in Angola, since we believe that the report is not au courant with the present situation in the Angolan peace process.

In particular, the lack of cooperation imputed to the Angolan Government in the report and presented as a condition for the deployment of the peace-keeping forces in Angola (the military contingent of UNAVEM III) does not accurately reflect the present state of the Government's execution of its obligation in the peace process.

2. Indeed, the imprecision of the report is already causing serious damage to the peace process as a result of the inhibitions and fears which it could eventually provoke, fundamentally within the international community. As a result, the Government of the Republic of Angola considers it necessary to clarify the various situations described by the Secretary-General in his report.

In particular, the Government wishes to clarify, both for its citizens and for the entire world, the following:

- With respect to the effective cessation of hostilities, there has been substantial progress. However, the replenishment of logistical supplies for UNITA continues to be verified, coming by air from the Republic of Zaire, in flagrant violation of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

- Concerning the installation of verification mechanisms by the United Nations, the deployment of military observers and of police has been fully concluded. There is currently a United Nations presence in 59 localities within Angola - in full conformity with the peace plan.

- Concerning the disengagement of forces, the Government considers this process completed. [See the Lusaka Protocol, section concerning the bilateral cease-fire, Phase one, step four, paragraphs (a) and (b).]

- Concerning the military data, the Government has provided all the information requested by the United Nations, in conformity with the provision in the Lusaka Protocol relative to Phase one, step four, paragraph (c), concerning the bilateral cease-fire.

- With respect to the anticipated beginning of demining, the Government has already notified the United Nations that it has allocated 800 demining troops; they are only waiting for UNAVEM III to present its plan of action. There are no reasons whatsoever at this time, at least on the side of the Government, that would justify the unfortunate delay in the demining process.

- Concerning the identification of the areas for quartering UNITA troops, the Government believes that it is exclusively the responsibility of UNAVEM III to prepare these areas, and would note that this has already been agreed to in the military meeting between the Government and UNITA under the sponsorship of the United Nations.

- Concerning the installation for UNAVEM III, the Government wants it known that it has put at the disposition of UNAVEM III all that it has been asked to provide.

- As for the Catumbela Air Base, the Government wants to emphasize that it has never refused UNAVEM III the use of the runway. Moreover, this problem has been solved already, as it is connected with the deployment of logistical units which are planned to operate out of the Catumbela airport.

- Related to the Agreement between the United Nations and Angola on the status of the United Nations peace-keeping operations in Angola (Acordo Sede), the Government admits that there were some delays, but they have already been corrected - but that it is due to be signed before 15 April.

3. The Government of the Republic of Angola calls on the Security Council members to ask the Secretary-General to update his report of 7 April 1995, using the information currently in the possession of his Special Representative, so that the Security Council can deliberate over Angola on the basis of documentation that reflects the present realities of the peace process.

4. The Government of the Republic of Angola reiterates, one more time, its firm decision to continue its commitment in good faith to its implementation of the Lusaka Protocol.